

Substitute Senate Bill No. 893

Public Act No. 09-67

AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO THE OFFICE OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES CLIENT DEATHS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 17a-451 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(d) The commissioner shall coordinate the community programs receiving state funds with programs of state-operated facilities for the treatment of persons with psychiatric disabilities or persons with substance use disorders, or both. In the event of the death of a person with psychiatric disabilities, who is receiving inpatient behavioral health care services from a Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services operated facility, the commissioner shall report such death to the director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities not later than thirty days after the date of the death of such person.

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